

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

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In re : Chapter 9
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CITY OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN, : Case No. 13-53846
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Debtor. : Hon. Steven W. Rhodes
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**RESPONSE OF THE CITY OF DETROIT TO WAYNE
COUNTY'S MOTION UNDER 11 U.S.C. § 105(d)(1) FOR A STATUS
CONFERENCE ON, AND APPOINTMENT OF A FACILITATIVE
MEDIATOR WITH RESPECT TO, ISSUES RELATED TO THE
FUTURE OF THE DETROIT WATER AND SEWERAGE DEPARTMENT**

The City of Detroit (the "City") has participated in good faith in negotiations for the past several months with Wayne County, Oakland County and Macomb County regarding the possibility of creating a regional water/sewer authority. Those negotiations have not proven successful, and the City believes that they have run their course. Nevertheless, if the Court believes that mediation is appropriate, the City will, of course, abide by the Court's order.

Dated: April 11, 2014

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I, Heather Lennox, hereby certify that the foregoing *Response of the City of Detroit to Wayne County's Motion Under 11 U.S.C. § 105(d)(1) for a Status Conference on, and Appointment of a Facilitative Mediator with Respect to, Issues Related to the Future of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department* was filed and served via the Court's electronic case filing and noticing system on this 11th day of April, 2014.